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## Letter dated 22 December 2016 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau, containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2016. The report, which was approved by the Committee, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Elbio **Rosselli**
Chair
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pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012)
concerning Guinea-Bissau

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# Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau

## I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Elbio Rosselli (Uruguay) as Chair and the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as Vice-Chair.

## II. Background

3. By paragraph 4 of its resolution 2048 (2012), the Security Council imposed a travel ban on five designated individuals and, by paragraph 9, established a committee to oversee the implementation of the targeted measure. On 18 July 2012, the Committee approved the designation of six additional individuals.

4. Further background information on the Guinea-Bissau sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

## III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

5. The Committee met once in informal consultations, on 19 August, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.

6. On 19 August, the Committee received a briefing by the Chief of the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch on the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made with regard to the stabilization and restoration of constitutional order in Guinea-Bissau (S/2016/720). The Acting Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Political Affairs in the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS) also participated in the briefing from Bissau.

7. Following the informal consultations held on 19 August, and in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of the note by the President of the Security Council: work of the subsidiary organs of the Security Council (S/2016/170), the Committee issued a press release containing a brief summary of the informal consultations.

8. On 30 August, the Deputy Permanent Representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the Chair, briefed the Security Council on the activities of the Committee, pursuant to paragraph 9 (d) of resolution 2048 (2012) (see S/PV.7764).

## IV. Exemptions

9. Exemptions to the travel ban are contained in paragraph 5 of resolution 2048 (2012).

10. During the reporting period, the Committee did not receive any request for exemption.

## V. Sanctions list

11. The criteria for the designation of individuals as subject to the travel ban are set out in paragraph 6 of resolution 2048 (2012). The procedures for requesting listing and delisting are described in the guidelines of the Committee for the conduct of its work.

12. As at the end of the reporting period, there were 11 individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee.

## VI. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

13. The Security Council Affairs Division provided substantive and procedural support to the Chair and the members of the Committee. Advisory support was also provided to Member States to promote understanding of the sanctions regime and facilitate the implementation of the sanctions measures. Induction briefings were also provided to incoming members of the Council to familiarize them with the specific issues relevant to the sanctions regime.

14. The Secretariat continued to update and maintain the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List and the Committee-specific sanctions lists in the six official languages and the three technical formats. Furthermore, the Secretariat implemented improvements concerning the effective utilization of and access to sanctions lists, including through the establishment of a search function for names on sanctions lists, the creation of lists organized by permanent reference number, in addition to those in alphabetical order, and the addition of links to list entries, as appropriate, in INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notices.

15. The Division undertook an assessment, facilitated by UNIOGBIS, to fulfil the request of the Security Council that the Secretary-General submit a report on the progress made by Guinea-Bissau with regard to the stabilization and restoration of constitutional order in the country. In this regard, the Chief of the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch briefed the Committee on 19 August.